MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): This information is not available.

Export duty on cocoanut products.

154. ❋MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether export duty on cocoanuts and copra is levied as a fiscal measure or for revenue purposes?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Partly for revenue purposes and partly for affording protection to the cocoanut oil industry in the State.

The Krishnanvaga community and Government service.

155. ❋ MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalpatam II*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of members of the Krishnanvaga community in Government service, separately for each department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not propose to call for the information required by the member as the time and labour involved are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Village Panchayat Court at Edappalli.

156. ❋ MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any representation for opening a Village Panchayat Court at Edappalli:

(*b*) whether the Law's Delays Commissioner has received any representation in the matter; and

(*c*) if so, what the decision is?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) The High Court who were consulted in the matter expressed the opinion that a Village Panchayat Court at Edappalli was unnecessary. Government accepted the opinion of the High Court.

Recruitment of Police Inspectors.

157. ❋ MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principle adopted in the recruitment of Police Inspectors; and

(*b*) the percentage of promotions—

(1) from the lower ranks of the Police; and

(2) from the clerical establishment or ministerial staff?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) The rule is that 75 per cent. of the Inspectors' posts should be filled up by recruitment of graduates, the remaining 25 per cent. being reserved for promotion by selection of deserving men from the rank of Head Constables.

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